Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey

Isle Of Wight **DHR Id#: 046-0056**

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): ..... Grays Brick House {Historic/Current}
Property Date: 1825
Address(s): ..... Rt. 621 {Current}
County/Independent City: Isle Of Wight
City: ..... Sycamore Crossroads
State, Zip: .....Virginia
USGS Quad Name: ..... RAYNOR

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic {50 years or older}

Property has not been evaluated

Resource Description

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

Component	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Chimneys	Chimneys - Exterior end	Brick	other
Foundation	Foundation - Solid	Brick	
Roof	Roof - Gable	Wood	Roof - Shingle
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Brick	other
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	

WUZIT Count:

No.	Wuzit Types	Historic?
1	Single Dwelling	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: ..... Single Dwelling
Est. Date of Construction: .... 1825 ca {VDHR Survey File}
Primary Resource? ..... Yes
Interior Plan Type: ..... One-room
Accessed? ..... Yes
Number of Stories: 2.0
Threats to Resource: .....

Description: Architecture Summary: Built about 1825 Grays' Brick House is a curious two story brick building with only a single room on each floor plus and additional one room on the first floor supplied by a contemporary shed wing on the north wall. The structure is all brick laid in three course American bond with a single exterior chimney having a single stepped weathering at the attic floor level. Bended into the core structure of Grays' Brick House is the shed addition already mentioned and a brick bulkhead providing an entrance to the cellar. End Architecture Summary Additions and alterations: End Additions and alterations Interior Description: End Interior Description

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information *(Intensive Level Survey)*

Historic Context(s): ..... Domestic

Bibliographic Documentation

Ownership Information

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Graphic Media Documentation

Medium	*Depository ID #*	*Photo Depository*	*Date*	*File Name*
B&W 35mm Photos	2684		1973/12/99	
B&W 35mm Photos	2685		1973/12/99	
B&W 35mm Photos	2690		1973/12/99	

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: ..... Intensive Survey
Date: 1973/10/99
Organization or Person: ..... VDHR-Bernard L. Herman
CRM Event Notes or Comments: .....

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HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
SURVEY FORM

46-56
File Number

1. County Isle of Wight
Town Sycamore Crossroads
Street No. rt. 621

USGS Quad Name Rayner, Va.
Quad Date 1968
Original Owner Gray family
Original Use dwelling
Present Owner Mrs. Eugenia R. Myers
Present Owner Address Ivor, Va. 23866

Present Use Ruinous

2. Historic Name Grays' Brick House
Present Name Grays' Brick House
Date or Period (exact or estimate) circa 1825
Architect
Builder, craftsman, etc.
Source of Name Mrs. Myers
Source of Date construction

3. No. stories (dormers count as ½ story):
2 stories with full basement and attic
Wall construction
brick
Acreage approx 3 acres

4. Historical Significance (Chain of Title, Families and Events, etc., connected with the property)

5. Architectural Significance (Note interesting interior and exterior details, etc., cite significant alterations and additions)

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Because of its ruinous condition most of the interior floors have caved into the basement. Despite the condition of the house however, a surprising amount of interior woodwork survives particularly in the form of flat double beaded chair rail on both floors, two thirds of an ~~early~~ Federal type mantel, two vertically battened doors with HL hinges and two solid panel early 19th century doors. Because of the completely ruinous quality of the building ~~he~~ the owner has decided to remove the surviving interior wood work and place it in storage.

6. Physical Condition

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Structure				Ruinous
Grounds			x	
Neighborhood			x	

7. State potential threats to preservation of structure

Ruinous.

(over)

8. List Number of Photographs _____Exterior _____Interior _____Outbuildings

9. Sources and Bibliography:

A. Published Sources (author, title, date. page number, etc.)

B. Primary Sources (original or later drawings, old photographs, pictures, manuscripts and their location)

C. Names and Addresses of People Interviewed

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Myers
Ivor, Virginia 23866

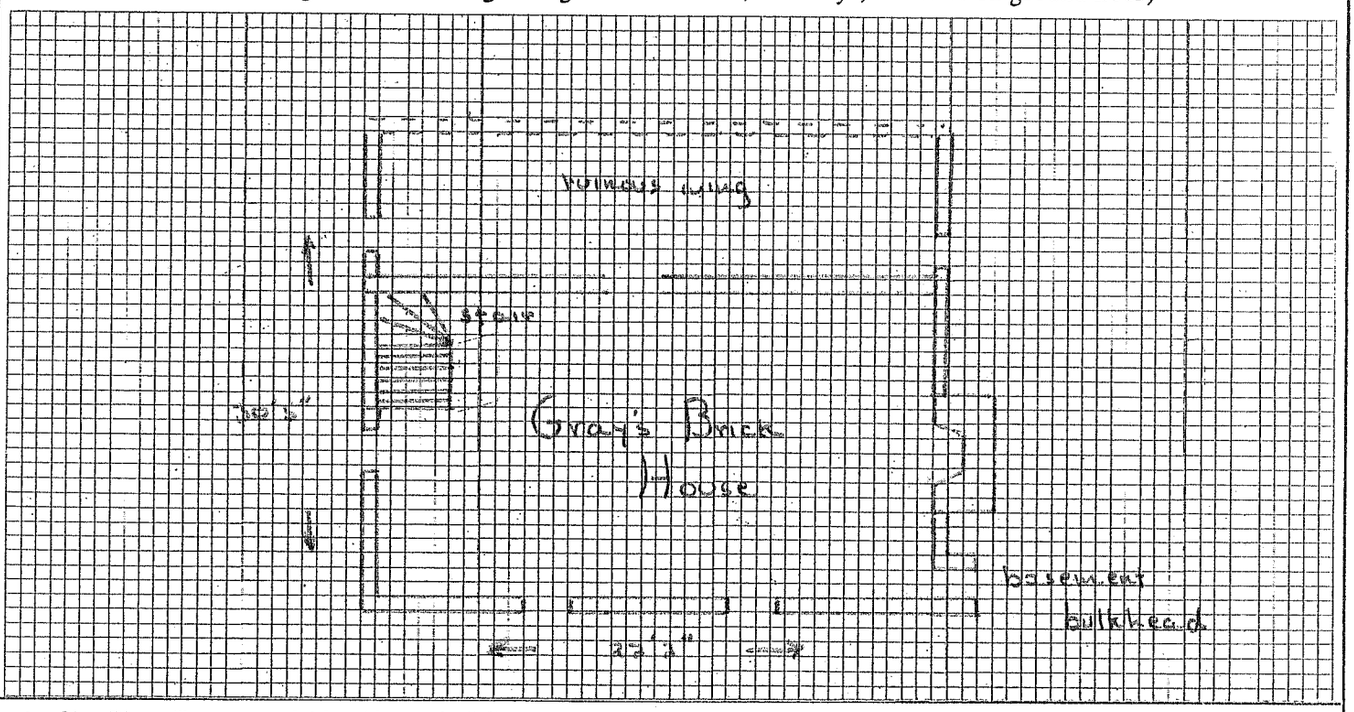
10. Name, Address and Title of Recorder:

Bernard L Herman/vhe

Date of Record

October 1973

11. First Floor Plan (Rough Plan indicating arrangement of rooms, doorways, windows on ground floor)



12. Site Plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies, and significant farm structures)